

REMARKS

The present Response is being filed under a Certificate of Mailing as indicated. Claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-12, 15-17, 19, 21-24 and 27-31 are pending. Claims 1, 11, and 21 have been amended. Claims 3, 4, 10, 13, 14, 18, 20, 25, 26, 32-40 have been cancelled. Claim 41 has been withdrawn.

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Claims 1, 2, 5, 6-9, 11, 12, 15-17, 19, 21-24, 27-29 and 31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 2,181,746 to Siebrandt (“Siebrandt”). Claim 1 has been amended to recite that the positioning feature is consisting essentially of the elements listed in the claim: a body and at least one body. Siebrandt does not disclose such an invention. Siebrandt further includes a handle that extends beyond the body portion. For at least this reason, claim 1 and its dependents are believed to be allowable.

Claim 11 includes the same limitations of a positioning feature consisting essentially of a body and at least one member. Therefore, for the reasons stated above in reference to claim 1, claim 11 and its dependents are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 21 includes the same limitations of a positioning fixture that consists essentially of a body and at least one member. Therefore, for the reasons stated above in reference to claim 1, claim 21 and its dependents are believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15-17, 19, 21-24 and 27-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 6,277,123 to Maroney (“Maroney”). As stated above, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the positioning feature is consisting essentially of the elements listed in the claim: a body and at least one body. Maroney does not disclose such an invention. Maroney further discloses a depth guide and other additional features. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependents are believed to be allowable over Maroney.

Claim 11 includes the same limitations of a positioning feature consisting essentially of a body and at least one member. Therefore, for the reasons stated above in reference to claim 1, claim 11 and its dependents are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 21 includes the same limitations of a positioning fixture that consists essentially of a body and at least one member. Therefore, for the reasons stated above in reference to claim 1, claim 21 and its dependents are believed to be allowable.

Claims 1, 2, 5-9, 11, 12, 15-17, 19, 21-24 and 28-31 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent 5,342,362 to Kenyon ("Kenyon"). As stated above, claim 1 has been amended to recite that the positioning feature is consisting essentially of the elements listed in the claim: a body and at least one body. Kenyon further discloses other features that are not recited in the present claim. Therefore, claim 1 and its dependents are believed to be allowable over Kenyon.

Claim 11 includes the same limitations of a positioning feature consisting essentially of a body and at least one member. Therefore, for the reasons stated above in reference to claim 1, claim 11 and its dependents are also believed to be allowable.

Claim 21 includes the same limitations of a positioning fixture that consists essentially of a body and at least one member. Therefore, for the reasons stated above in reference to claim 1, claim 21 and its dependents are believed to be allowable.

Conclusion

For the above-described reasons it is respectfully submitted that the rejections to the claims have been overcome and that all remaining claims, namely claims 1-2, 5-9, 11-12, 15-17, 19, 21-24, 27-31 are currently in condition for allowance. A Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Any additional fees associated with the filing of this Response may be charged to Johnson & Johnson Deposit Account No. 10-0750/DEP5108USA/CKT.

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